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INCORPORATED 1837—CHARTER PERFECT.

Assets, January 1, 1858.
Cash in hand, and deposits in Bank, \$148,325.00
Cash in transit and Agents, 166,872.00
Real Estate, 5,418.04
Real Estate, 47,658.42
Bills Receivable, 56,177.18
MARKET VALUE.
1st Bond, 6.7 & 10 per cent. interest, \$102,000.00
2d Bond, 6.7 & 10 per cent. interest, \$102,000.00
3d Bond, 6.7 & 10 per cent. interest, \$102,000.00
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9th Bond, 6.7 & 10 per cent. interest, \$102,000.00
10th Bond, 6.7 & 10 per cent. interest, \$102,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES, \$1,573,926.84
Unsettled claims not due, \$173,926.84
Losses Equitably adjusted and promptly paid.

Upwards of \$11,000,000

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Daily Intelligencer.

PHILOSOPHICAL MATTERS.

[From the N. Y. Evening Post.]

Degeneracy of style is a growing evil among the present race of literary men.

Fastidiousness in composition may be carried to an extreme, and then it becomes a grave fault; but carelessness is a much graver fault, because it leads to more serious consequences. We have occasionally published communications from correspondents pointing out the use of words that are not English, as well as the misuse of words that are English, in the belief that well considered strictures on those subjects will tend to induce a reformation of the designated errors. Experience, however, shows that the remedy is very slow in its operation.

For example, we have of ourselves, or through our correspondents, shown that *predilect* does not mean to *found*; that *dean* does not mean *debase*; that *paraphernalia* does not mean ornaments or appendages generally; that *stand point* does not mean a point of view; that *dear* is not a title; that *White and Lady* is a very coarse Americanism; that the addition of *ess* to such words as *director*, *manager*, *editor*, *writer*, should be proscribed by all who abhor an affectation of pretentiousness and precision; and so forth, and so forth, and so forth. We do not find that these and many kindred nuisances are perceptibly abated. Perhaps they never will be abated, although it remains a mystery to us how any man of cultivation, after seeing one of his invidiousnesses thus pointed out, can persist in his error.

We have in our mind, at this moment, another word that is constantly misused, even by good writers; namely, *dilapidate*. This word comes directly from the Latin *dilapido*, that being a compound of *di* and *lapido*; and it seems strange that any one can know even so much of the origin of the word and yet misapprehend its exact and restricted significance. The Latin prefix *di* is equivalent to the English *pre* or *dis*, as in *disorder*, *disagree*, *dispute*, *deplete*; and *lapido* is to *stone*, *dilapidate* to *stone*, or *de-stone*. The meaning, therefore, of *dilapidate* is exactly and exclusively the falling down or throwing down of something—a wall, or a building, of any kind—made of stone. Anything constructed or made of materials other than stone, may be destroyed, or injured, or decayed, but it cannot be dilapidated. For instance, a dilapidated boat is one of the absurdities involved in the misuse of this word; and one might as well speak of employing a lapidary to mend his boat, as of his dilapidated boat.

Again, *consequence* is now perpetually used as the synonyme of *importance*, although there is little, if anything, in common between the two words. *Consequence* signifies strict sequences, things that follow; importance means things of moment; without any reference to following. The familiar phrase, "It is of no consequence," is always wrong. And, again, the word *transitive* is constantly used as an intransitive verb; as: "Brown was advised to leave instantly." "White left yesterday." "I shall leave to-morrow," &c. The word *reason* is frequently complicated with *because*, as, "the reason for this is, because John" did so and so, instead of that John did so and so.

Now, we do not deny that there is an abundance of precedent for the above mentioned and many similar errors; and we admit that, under certain circumstances, the usage of good writers is the common law of the language. But we make a distinction between innovations that are founded on philological principles, or are introduced to supply the necessities of a language on the one hand; and, on the other, those that originate in ignorance, or misapprehension, and are officiously thrust into places already better occupied by legitimate words. We have many instances in English of secondary meanings which have superseded primary significations, by the rule of necessity. For example, *consequence*, *guard*, *respect*, *consideration*, which originally have a transitive use as verbs, and as such were nearly synonymous, have now, as nouns, an intrinsic sense which tacitly includes something "understood," and that understood something renders them also nearly synonymous. But it is to be observed that the language wanted those words in their present secondary signification, because the language had no primary signification for them, and that the introduction of such words is a necessary and a laudable one.

Our conclusion is, that while innovations may be made in those cases where the necessities of the language require them, they should be restricted to such necessity and the burden of proving the necessity should rest on him who introduces them. The columns of a daily newspaper are not the place for a showy display of the practice of accurate writing, and there, if anywhere, inaccuracies are excusable; nor, perhaps, are such columns the most fitting place for philological criticism, because people "read the papers" for news rather than for literature; but the thing is in our minds, and we have no time to seek another medium. Those who have something to learn in the premises, need not flatter themselves that they have not been "duly served" with this notice, on the ground that they did not look for it here!

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